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Identical letters dated 8 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 10 p.m. on Monday, 7 June 2004, two Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, circled between Beirut and the Damur region and fired two air-to-ground missiles at tunnels in the hills around Na`imah, approximately 10 kilometres south of Beirut, then left at 10.40 p.m.

Lebanon, which adheres to the resolutions of international legitimacy, attributes to Israel the responsibility for anything which may occur as a result of its aggressive conduct and appeals to the United Nations, the Security Council and the international community to bring all possible pressure to bear upon Israel to stop these violations and acts of aggression.

In drawing your attention to the extreme gravity of these actions by Israel, which constitute flagrant acts of aggression and violations of Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Lebanese Government appeals to you to intervene and demand that Israel cease these acts and return to the earlier state of affairs. It further requests you to make Israel bear any consequences that may arise from its violations of the Blue Line and of Lebanese sovereignty and territorial integrity.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council and the General Assembly. Lebanon reserves its right to call for a meeting of the Security Council to discuss these acts of aggression whenever it deems it appropriate.

(*Signed*) Sami **Kronfol**
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